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As will be seen from the above list, we are already at work in ten different fields.

Field Staff.

The Field Staff is largely *voluntary*. Very large numbers of students are giving time to the work of distribution. Our Field Representatives in every land are working through Committees of the students, *e.g., Mr. Legate* in Hungary has co-operating with him a Committee of students representing 47 different student societies, both men and women, and every party and religion in the University. Our staff in each field is *international, e.g.*, in Austria our workers include Austrians, Dutch, Germans, South Africans, English, Irish and Scotch; in Poland our staff is Polish, American, Canadian, Swedish and English; in Hungary, Hungarian, American, Irish and Australian. We have developed a system of Visiting Representatives, by which the different contributing nations send student representatives for periods of three months to work under our Field Representative. After gaining a personal and intimate knowledge of the work they return to their own universities. This system has proved most helpful both in the field and in publicity.

Types of Relief.

1. *Feeding.*—Organisation of kitchens and restaurants and canteens, aid given to existing mensas and student hostels, food and medicine distributed to special cases.

(In certain countries Student Feeding will, by special arrangement, be carried on by the American Relief Administration, clearing largely through Federation organisation. It is through the American Relief Administration that American students are

contributing funds as their share in the general Student Relief enterprise).

2. *Clothing.*—Distribution and sale of clothing, both new and second-hand, also soap (toilet and laundry), toothbrushes, hair-pins, shoelaces, etc.

3. *Housing.*—Securing and running and occasionally building Hostels, Dormitories and Barracks; but more often assistance given in the equipment of existing Hostels with beds, blankets, and absolutely necessary furniture.

4. *Self-Help.*—Very varied Self-Help schemes are worked in connection with our movement, *e.g.*, the Czech Student Barracks Building Scheme, the German Farm Colony, an Austrian Wood-cutting Camp, a Polish Student Workshop, a Russian Student Kitchen in Zürich.

5. *Heat and Light.*—Study Halls have been secured supplied with light and heat; the cheapest rates have been granted by Governments for fuel and light for students.

6. *Provision of Equipment for Study.*—Purchase of books beyond student means for lending to students; paper, compasses and other necessities secured and sold at low rates. Co-operative stores for books and stationery promoted.

7. *Medical Aid.*—Student Clinics; provision of medical aid, nursing and medicine; sending sick students to hospitals and convalescents to the country.

Principles we follow in Relief.

1. Every relief scheme we launch is as far as possible on sound economic lines, no student being helped without most careful examination of his financial and other needs; self-help is in *every possible way* encouraged and pauperisation avoided; students are brought into productive work for the benefit of their country.

2. We are co-operating with existing agencies both in raising money and in administration on the field, to avoid overlapping. Our aim is, by careful correlation of effort and the minimum of overhead expense, to secure the maximum relief for the maximum number of students in so far as we may do so (*a*) without endangering the principle of self-help, (*b*) without losing sight of the importance of developing human personal contacts.

3. In every field where we raise money or administer relief, we try to work in accordance with the national spirit and methods, and as far as possible to make use of indigenous workers and agencies.

4. Relief is administered impartially without regard to race, nationality, or creed, or any other criterion than proven need.

Means of Raising Money.

Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain and Ireland, Holland, India, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latin America, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Spain, Serbia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America, have all, either through a national

committee or through individuals, contributed in different ways to our scheme. Each nation has developed its own method of financial campaign. In some cases the students have given through a nation-wide appeal, *e.g.*, in U.S.A. through the American Relief Administration, in Britain through the Imperial War Relief Fund; in other lands a special National University Committee has been formed, *e.g.*, Holland and Finland; in others the appeal has been made by some existing student organisation, *e.g.*, the Student Christian Movement, the National Union of Students, or some other Student Representative Body.

Conditions of Success.

1. *Centralisation.*—Avoidance of waste and overlapping can *only* be secured if all nations pool their resources and work on a common plan. Therefore—

(*a*) Do not create new administrative machinery on the field, on some plan of your own, but trust the Geneva Headquarters and their Field Representative to administer all you give them in the best and most economical way. Consult Geneva as the Clearing House on all student relief questions.

(*b*) Do not send money or goods to local organisations or individuals in relief areas, no matter what appeals reach you from them. When you have raised funds or goods consult Mr. Conrad Hoffmann, Jr., 13, Avenue de Champel, Geneva, on how these may best be distributed to meet the greatest need. Send *all* money *directly* to Geneva to Mr. Louis Hess, at the same address. Much waste has resulted from neglect of this request.

2. *Speedy Action.—Bis dat qui cito dit.* If your country has done nothing as yet, consult *Mr. Hoffmann* as to the best way to set to work, and as early as possible secure a visit from him or from some other Relief worker to help you to organise a campaign.

3. *Adequate Publicity.*—Our Publicity Department puts out a constant stream of leaflets and bulletins on various phases of the work. These are sent free in any quantity desired to each national headquarters and are intended to serve as a basis for national relief publications, newspaper articles and other publicity matter.. The success of your campaign is largely dependent on the right kind of publicity.

4. *A long pull and a strong pull and a pull altogether.*—Twenty-four nations have responded more or less, but we have still to hear from many more. It is a large task which we are up against, but we can do it, if every nation lends a hand and every student. We cannot emphasise too strongly the pressing necessity of larger sums of money. Otherwise we shall be grievously handicapped, and many students will go unfed, unclothed and uncared for. We need to have real sacrificial giving. In fact, the impossible must be done, and we must have daring and faith to attempt it.

All money raised by National Student Relief Committees should be sent to our Treasurer, M. Louis Hess, 13 Avenue de Champel, Geneva, Switzerland.